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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII), as amended by the Council in its decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2008 is set out in the annex below.

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI), in 2008 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2008

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Democratic Republic of the Congo (2009), Mauritania (2009), South Africa (2009), Sudan (2011), Togo (2011)

Four members from Asian States

China* (2008), Japan* (2008), Lebanon (2011), Oman (2011)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2011), Hungary* (2008), Lithuania (2011), Russian Federation (2009)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Colombia* (2008), Honduras (2011), Jamaica (2009), Mexico* (2008)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Canada (2009), Finland (2009), France (2009), Germany* (2008), Netherlands* (2008), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2008), United States of America (2011)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-second session (2008-2009))[a]

Twelve members from African States

Benin (2011), Cameroon* (2009), Comoros* (2009), Equatorial Guinea (2011), Gambia (2010), Kenya (2012), Morocco* (2009), Sierra Leone (2010), South Africa (2010), Tunisia (2012), Uganda (2012), Zambia (2010)

Eleven members from Asian States

Bangladesh* (2009), China (2010), India (2010), Indonesia* (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2011), Japan (2012), Kazakhstan (2012), Lebanon (2010), Malaysia* (2009), Oman (2010), Sri Lanka (2011)

Five members from Eastern European States

Bulgaria* (2009), Croatia (2012), Poland (2011), Russian Federation (2010), Ukraine (2010)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil* (2009), Colombia (2012), Grenada (2011), Guyana* (2009), Honduras (2011), Jamaica (2010), Mexico (2010), Peru* (2009), Uruguay (2010)

Ten members from Western European and other States[b]

Belgium* (2009), Canada* (2009), Germany* (2009), Spain (2011), Sweden (2010), Switzerland* (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2010), United States of America (2010)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-sixth session in 2013.

[b] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's forty-second session and expire at the close of its forty-fifth session in 2012.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-seventh session (2008-2009))[c]

Twelve members from African States

Angola* (2009), Benin (2011), Cameroon (2011), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2009), Egypt (2011), Ghana (2012), Namibia (2011), Nigeria (2012), Senegal (2012), South Africa* (2009), Sudan (2012), United Republic of Tanzania* (2009)

Ten members from Asian States

Bangladesh* (2009), China* (2009), Democratic People's Republic of Korea* (2009), India (2011), Japan (2012), Myanmar* (2009), Nepal (2011), Pakistan (2012), Republic of Korea (2012), United Arab Emirates (2011)

Five members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2012), Czech Republic* (2009), Russian Federation (2012), Slovakia (2011),[d] Ukraine* (2009)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2012), Bolivia* (2009), Cuba (2011), El Salvador (2012), Guatemala (2012), Jamaica (2011), Mexico (2011), Paraguay* (2009), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)* (2009)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Andorra (2011), Finland* (2009), France (2012), Germany (2012), Italy* (2009), Monaco* (2009), Netherlands* (2009), Spain (2011), Turkey (2011), United States of America (2012)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with its decision 2002/210, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-eighth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013.

[d] Elected by the Economic and Social Council at its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the fifty-third session (2008-2009))[c]

Thirteen members from African States

Cameroon (2010), Djibouti (2010), Eritrea (2012), Gabon (2011), Lesotho (2010), Mali* (2009), Morocco* (2009), Namibia (2011), Niger (2011), Senegal (2012), Togo (2010), United Republic of Tanzania* (2009), Zambia (2010)

Eleven members from Asian States

Cambodia (2011), China (2012), India (2012), Indonesia (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Japan* (2009), Malaysia (2010), Pakistan (2011), Qatar* (2009), Republic of Korea (2010), United Arab Emirates (2010)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2011), Azerbaijan (2011), Croatia* (2009), Russian Federation (2012)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Belize* (2009), Brazil (2010), Cuba (2012), Dominican Republic (2012), Ecuador (2010), Haiti (2012), Mexico (2010), Paraguay (2011), Peru* (2009)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2011), Germany* (2009), Netherlands* (2009), Spain (2011), Sweden (2012), Turkey (2011), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2009), United States of America (2012)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's fifty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session in 2013.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Botswana (2011), Cameroon (2011), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2011), Ethiopia (2011), Morocco (2011), Namibia (2009), Niger (2009), Nigeria (2009), Senegal (2009), Sudan (2011), Uganda (2011),

Eleven members from Asian States[f]

China (2011), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2011), Japan (2009), Kazakhstan (2011), Pakistan (2011), Republic of Korea (2009), Saudi Arabia (2009), Tajikistan (2009), Thailand (2011), United Arab Emirates (2011), Yemen (2011)

Six members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic (2011), Lithuania (2011), Moldova (2011), Poland (2009), Russian Federation (2009), Ukraine (2009)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States[f]

Argentina (2011), Bolivia (2009), Colombia (2009), Cuba (2011), El Salvador (2011), Jamaica (2009), Mexico (2009), Peru (2011), Trinidad and Tobago (2011), Uruguay (2011), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2011)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (2009), Austria (2011), Belgium (2009), Canada (2009), Finland (2011), Germany (2011), Israel (2011), Italy (2011), Netherlands (2011), Spain (2011), Switzerland (2011), Turkey (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America (2011)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for the 2008 elections.

[f] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49, one seat rotates between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Latin American and Caribbean States in 2007 for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2008, thus giving Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States 11 seats each.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Cameroon (2009), Comoros* (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2008), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya* (2008), Namibia* (2008), Niger* (2008), Nigeria (2009), Senegal* (2008), Sierra Leone (2009), South Africa (2009), Uganda* (2008), United Republic of Tanzania* (2008)

Nine members from Asian States

China* (2008), India (2009), Indonesia (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2009), Japan* (2008), Pakistan* (2008), Republic of Korea* (2008), Saudi Arabia (2009), United Arab Emirates (2009)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia* (2008), Moldova (2009), Russian Federation* (2008), Ukraine (2009)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2009), Bolivia* (2008), Brazil (2009), Chile* (2008), Colombia (2009), Costa Rica* (2008), Guatemala (2009), Jamaica (2009)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2008), Canada (2009), Germany* (2008), Italy* (2008), Turkey (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America (2009)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Eight members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership of the seventeenth session (2008-2009))[g]

Thirteen seats for African States

Cape Verde (2010), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2011), Djibouti* (2009), Gabon (2011), Gambia (2010), Guinea (2010), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2011), Malawi (2011), Namibia (2011), Senegal* (2009), South Africa (2010), Sudan* (2009), United Republic of Tanzania* (2009)

Eleven seats for Asian States

Bahrain (2010), Bangladesh (2011), India (2010), Indonesia* (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Japan (2010), Kuwait* (2009), Pakistan (2011), Republic of Korea* (2009), Saudi Arabia (2011), United Arab Emirates (2011)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Croatia (2010), Czech Republic* (2009), Estonia (2011), Poland (2010), Romania (2011), Russian Federation* (2009)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda* (2009), Argentina (2011), Brazil (2011), Chile* (2009), Costa Rica (2010), Guatemala (2010), Haiti (2010), Peru* (2009), Uruguay (2011), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2011)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States[h]

Australia* (2009), Belgium (2011), Canada (2011), France (2010), Germany (2011), Israel (2011), Monaco (2010), Netherlands (2010), Spain* (2009), Sweden (2010), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2009), United States of America* (2009)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[g] In accordance with its resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect the new members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session in 2011.

[h] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expire at the close of its nineteenth session in 2011.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Angola* (2008), Burkina Faso (2010), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2008), Equatorial Guinea* (2008), Eritrea (2010), Gambia* (2008), Lesotho (2010), Sierra Leone* (2008), Sudan (2010), Tunisia (2010), Uganda (2010)

Nine members from Asian States

China (2010), India (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Jordan* (2008), Malaysia (2010), Oman* (2008), Pakistan* (2008), Philippines (2010), Sri Lanka* (2008)

Five members from Eastern European States[i]

Belarus (2010), Latvia (2010), Russian Federation* (2008), Slovakia* (2008)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2010), Brazil* (2008), Chile* (2008), Cuba (2010), Dominican Republic (2010), El Salvador (2010), Jamaica* (2008), Peru* (2008)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2008), Belgium (2010), Finland* (2008), France (2010), Germany (2010), Italy* (2008), Switzerland* (2008), Turkey (2010), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2008), United States of America (2010)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[i] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2010.